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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA NIACT IMMEDIATE  
SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3204  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG, UNSC, SF, WA

SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: BOTHA SCHEDULED TO DEPART; SOUTH  
AFRICA ISSUES PRESS RELEASE

1. THE FRG AMBASSADOR VON WECHMAR HAS JUST LEARNED  
THAT PIK BOTHA IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN FRANKFURT TOMORROW  
(SEPTEMBER 7) AT 11:00 A.M. THIS MEANS THAT BOTHA IS  
PLANNING TO LEAVE TONIGHT.

2. THE SOUTH AFRICAN MISSION ISSUED A PRESS RELEASE  
THIS MORNING CONTAINING A 20-PAGE LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER  
6 FROM BOTHA TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM. THE LETTER  
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OUTLINES IN A CONTENTIOUS AND DETAILED MANNER SOUTH  
AFRICA'S POSITION ON THE SIZE OF THE PROPOSED UN FORCE  
AND THE ROLE AND SIZE OF THE UN POLICE. THE LETTER  
DRAWS ATTENTION TO THE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES CARRIED  
OUT BY SWAPO SINCE SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE  
PROPOSAL AND CALLS ON SWAPO TO STATE WHETHER OR NOT  
IT HAS ACCEPTED THE PROPOSAL. IT FURTHER CALLS FOR A

WRITTEN COMMITMENT TO CEASEFIRE FROM SWAPO. IT INSISTS ON INDEPENDENCE BY DECEMBER 31 AND MAINTAINS THAT THE DELAY IN UN ACTION SINCE SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL "WAS NOT DUE TO ANY FAULT ON THE PART OF SOUTH AFRICA". THE LETTER MAKES ALL OF THE PREDICTABLE ARGUMENTS; ITS EXISTENCE AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, IS CERTAINLY UNHELPFUL. YOUNG

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